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DECLARATION OF RICHARD L. ATKINSON

I, Richard L. Atkinson, on oath depose and say that:

1. I am one of the inventors of the above-identified patent application and I make this declaration in support of that patent application.

2. I am a professor of clinical nutrition in the Medical School at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The work described in this patent application was conducted in my laboratory at that research institution.

3. I am one of the authors of the abstract published at the meeting on the metabolic aspects of obesity in 1997 and referred to as the "Dhurandhar et al." abstract in the file of this patent application. That abstract lists three inventors, myself, Nikhil Dhurandhar and Ayanna Augustus. Ms. Augustus was an undergraduate student who was providing research laboratory assistance in my laboratory to myself and Dr. Dhurandhar, during the work described in that abstract. Ms. Augustus did not contribute intellectually to the invention as claimed in this patent application. Ms. Augustus provided research technical support only for the project at the direction of either Dr. Dhurandhar or myself. Ms. Augustus was included as an author of the "Dhurandhar et al." abstract as a courtesy to her in recognition of her diligent effort to support this project.

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